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Hostile Reception Accorded the Rule Directed Against Irish Members.

Many Tories Have Declared They Will Never Apologize.

Reported Arrival of Col. Lynch Alarms Ministers and Police.

ENGLAND'S GREAT DEBT INCREASING

A strange unrecorded incident happened last week in the British House of Commons. It was suddenly discovered that the proposal to appoint a Second Deputy Speaker under the new rules was illegal without the personal assent of the King. The proposal might come on any minute, so Victor Cavendish, M. P., the Controller of the King's Household, was posted off to secure the royal assent. On reaching Marlborough House he found that the King had gone motoring to Windsor and would not be back for an hour. Fortunately for the Government, an unexpected debate intervened before the new rule, and Cavendish arrived in the King's motor in the palace yard with the royal assent just in the nick of time to save Minister Balfour from the awkward necessity of acknowledging that he had overlooked this constitutional form.

The Ministers are amazed at the hostile reception accorded by a large body of their own followers to the new punishment rule directed against the Irish members. The rule not only doubles and quadruples the period of suspension, but it makes a return to the House by the suspended member depend on an expression of sincere regret, under the belief that none but Irish members would refuse to apologize. However, many Tories have declared that they will never apologize. So this ingenious proposal is doomed, as it is not the object of the Ministry to provoke possible disfranchisement of British constituencies. The Irish members' view of the rule is that punitive suspension powers will only be exercised against them, and where the English members defy the Chair, as they did with entire immunity from punishment or even rebuke on the home rule bill, the Speaker will use the new power given him to suspend the sitting until their passions cool.

Scotland Yard was gravely hoaxed this week over the supposed appearance in the House of Commons of Col. Lynch, Galway's absent member. George Lynch, a war correspondent in Cuba, China and South Africa, visited the House as the guest of Major Jameson, M. P., and signed his name in a book as "Lynch, M. P." Instantly word was conveyed to Scotland Yard and a cordon of detectives was drawn around the chamber until two of them who were personally acquainted with Col. Lynch saw they were after the wrong man. The incident created a great commotion among the Ministers. Scotland Yard evidently apprehends that Lynch will take his seat, as it is still closely watching both houses of Parliament. As a matter of fact, Lynch apparently has no intention of risking his liberty. He has had no communication whatever since his election with the Irish members, who are rather disgusted at the part he has played.

The magnificent revenue of \$710,000,000 which Chancellor of the Exchequer Beach will announce in his budget, still leaves a deficit of \$310,000,000 to be added to England's national debt this year. Any attempt to make the country pay its way under present conditions would prove instant reaction, so liabilities are being piled on to the debt.

PIOUS SISTER.

A Kinswoman of the Holy Father Passes Away at Omaha.

The Omaha Nunnery of St. Clare is mourning the death of the Mother Superior, Maria Constanza Bentivoglio, a kinswoman of the Pope, who for more than a score of years had never left the narrow confines of her prison-like home. During all that long period the only human faces she had seen were those of the few devoted members of her own order who shared her seclusion, and she had never entered into the joys and sorrows of the strenuous life of the city in which she dwelt. Her funeral was as unostentatious as her life, though by special dispensation from Bishop Scannell about a dozen men and women of Omaha who had been conspicuous for their benefactions to the order were permitted to be present and after the ceremony to view the body, resting in a plain pine coffin, through a four-foot grating opening on the sanctuary.

This pious sister was born in 1837 in the castle of St. Angelo, at Rome. Her father, Dominico Bentivoglio, Count of Bologna, was at that time Governor of the Italian capital. While still comparatively a young woman she decided to give up the splendor of her father's court for simple service of God, and in 1871,

with her sister, Magdalene, she crossed the ocean to establish a home for the order of the "Poor Clares," as they are known in some parts of the United States.

The "Poor Clares" are one of the contemplative orders which, though common in the middle ages, have obtained but small foothold in this country. A few members of each community are allowed to mingle with the outside world in order that the bodily needs may be administered to, but these are the only sisters of St. Clare who ever leave the home after having once entered it or are visible to persons who may visit the monastery. In their solitude the sisters pass the time in praying for the world and in certain forms of fancy work which they sell as a means of providing funds for the order. They live in the simplest style. They wear a dress and scapular of coarse brown serge, with face bands of soft white linen and short veils of black. They eat the plainest of plain food, sleep on plank beds and may truly be said to know nothing of the "luxury of living."

STILL HAVE HOPES.

Legislature Expected to Pass Labor Bills Reported Favorably.

At a special meeting of the Central Labor Union Sunday afternoon Messrs. James Dougherty and Gus Heicken, who have spent several weeks in Frankfort as representatives of the central body, reported the progress of the several labor bills now pending in the Kentucky Legislature. There was a very large attendance of delegates and the report was received with interest. The child labor bill has passed the Senate and rests in the hands of the House committee, and all indications point to its passage if reported in time to the House.

The committee reported that a bill would also be favorably reported creating the office of Labor Commissioner, to be filled by gubernatorial appointment. The bill making Labor day a legal holiday, passed the House, Delegate Dougherty said, would be favorably reported to the Senate and passed, as there was no opposition to it. Bills providing for the union label on State printing and requiring street cars to be vestibuled were also in fair shape. In view of the favorable reports the Central Labor Union decided to keep Messrs. Dougherty and Heicken at Frankfort during the remainder of the session, unless the labor legislation has been disposed of. They left for the capital Monday morning.

An ordinance providing that all city work of every description be done by union labor was reported by the Legislative Committee and approved by the delegates. President Moore appointed a committee of one from each union represented to wait on the members of the General Council and endeavor to secure their support for the measure.

Workingmen generally approve the foregoing bills and will closely watch the votes of their representatives. They incur no increased expense to the State, and therefore there can be no reasonable objection to their enactment into laws.

RETURN THANKS.

New Albany Ladies Grateful For the Success of Their Euchre.

To Editor Kentucky Irish American: NEW ALBANY, IND., Feb. 17.—The euchre given by Branch 110, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, was a success in every way. The ladies wish to thank through your columns the many friends who helped to make it so by attending. The afternoon prizes were won by Mesdames Fongerson and Raymond, Misses Wilton and Hennessy; at night by Misses Weber, Scherer, Tully, Scheckter and Williams and Messrs. Haller, Higgins, Weber, Philip and John Raaba. The ladies feel encouraged with their success and have decided to resume the euchres after Lent, as they think it will advertise their branch, make it better known and bring in applicants. I wish to thank you in behalf of myself and ladies for the kindly notice you gave in your paper. I think it helped us wonderfully, as the paper reaches so many homes here.

MRS. PETER RICHARDS,
President Branch 110.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. M. Cunningham, of 2835 Alford avenue, had a narrow escape from losing her life Monday afternoon. She was coming in on a Fourth-street car and pulled the bell at Chestnut street, but the motorman did not stop within some distance of the crossing. Leaving the car she started westward across the street, when she was struck by a south-bound car and thrown a distance of several feet, falling on her face beside the track and sustaining painful bruises. She was carried to the corner drug store and attended by a physician, and later removed to her home. She had a miraculous escape. The wonder is that more are not injured by the carelessness of motormen in passing cars from which passengers are alighting.

Louisville's luck in escaping disastrous fires this winter ended Tuesday, when the Louisville Bolt Works, Third and L streets, burned. Loss \$100,000 and 300 workers idle. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

C. K. OF A.

Interesting Meeting of the City Central Committee Last Week.

Committees Named to Arrange for Silver Jubilee in April.

Premiums to Branches for Securing New Members.

A DISABILITY FUND ESTABLISHED.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Central Committee of Catholic Knights of America was held in St. Mary's hall, Friday evening, February 14. In spite of the bad weather there was a good attendance, though several branches were not represented. The branches should see to it that they are represented as the committee has inaugurated important work for furthering the interests and growth of the order, and united effort will bring success.

President Henry Veeneman presided. The proposition to set apart 25 per cent of all proceeds of entertainments for a disability fund to pay assessments and dues of members unable to pay because of sickness or other just cause was adopted, and the following committee appointed to draft laws for its government: Michael Reichert, Patrick Holley, E. G. Hill, Edmund Rapp, Albert F. Martin.

It was decided to celebrate the silver jubilee of the founding of the order next April, and the following committees were appointed:

Arrangements—Michael Reichert, Edmund Rapp, Joseph P. McGinn, P. Reising, C. J. Desse, James O'Connor.

Entertainment—Ben Speaker, Charles Falk, Michael Reichert, Charles Hill, Henry Stoer.

Religious Celebration—Messrs. Score, Schumpf, Holley, Goebey and Schulte. It was voted to endorse a room for C. K. of A. members at the St. Anthony's Hospital, and Edmund Rapp, Henry Stoer and Joseph Hubbuch were appointed a committee to attend to it.

H. Geher, J. M. Riehl and Joseph Hubbuch were appointed on the Auditing Committee. The committee voted to offer the following prizes to branches showing the largest percentage of gain in membership: First prize, not less than twenty new members, \$50; second prize, not less than fifteen new members, \$30; third prize, not less than ten new members, \$10.

During the meeting there was interesting and instructive debate on questions presented, the principal speakers being Michael Reichert, Patrick Holley, E. G. Hill, Thomas Sheehan and Albert F. Martin.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on the second Friday evening in March. All branches are urged to send representatives so that the important work for good of the order may be pushed to successful results. The order needs an awakening. The central committee is striving to arouse interest and advance the order, and should have the hearty cooperation of all branches and members in the work for the benefit of all.

PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Lieut. Kinnarney Receives a Gold Badge From Friends.

Lieut. James Kinnarney was the recipient of a pleasant and merited surprise this week. There is no more popular member of the police force than Jim Kinnarney, and his recent promotion was very gratifying to his multitude of friends, particularly those of the East End, where he has always resided. Monday night a large number called at his home, 911 Clay street, and presented him with a handsome gold badge as a token of their esteem and in recognition of his worth as an officer. The presentation speech was made by Alderman James J. Fitzgerald, who paid a glowing tribute to the recipient as a public official. Lieut. Kinnarney made a happy response, but it remained for his estimable wife to capture the visitors, who were treated to an elegant luncheon and a jolly good time. The testimonial of friendship is highly appreciated and the badge will be worn with credit to both the Lieutenant and the donors.

THOS. GRIFFIN DEAD.

Thomas J. Griffin, brother-in-law of ex-Councilman Charles J. Cronan, passed from earthly scenes Wednesday night. Deceased was operated upon at St. Joseph's Infirmary last Monday, but he never rallied, although he never gave up until he recognized it was his Maker's will, then he awaited the end with fortitude and resignation. Mr. Griffin was connected with the Adams Express Company for a quarter of a century, having risen in the service by industry, sobriety and ability. He was a peaceful, honorable, upright citizen and a devout and zealous Christian all his life. Four

children and a widow, with a multitude of sorrowing friends mourn his early demise. None knew him but to love him. Peace to his ashes, consolation to his family, and many sweet memories ever linger around the name of Thomas James Griffin.

JEFFERSONVILLE.

A. O. H. Prospering and Preparing to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Division 1 of Jeffersonville, has 110 members in good standing and is receiving applications at every meeting. The interest of the young men has been aroused by the club room of the division, and they are sending in their applications. The past year was the most prosperous since the division organized.

The division will give an entertainment at Splith's Opera House on the evening of March 17, presenting Libby's melodrama, "Robert Macaire," in two acts. The characters have all been assigned and the play is being rehearsed. The committee in charge are Lawrence Ford, Daniel McCarthy, Con O'Neill, Frank Lynch and John Kennedy, and they promise to make it an enjoyable success.

ST. PHILIP NERI

Will Have a Mission Which Everybody Is Invited to Attend.

Rev. Father Ackerman, pastor of St. Philip Neri church, Floyd and Woodbine, announces a mission by the apostolic missionary, Rev. Godfrey Schlachter, C. P. P. S., to begin at 10 a. m. Sunday, March 2, and close at 7:30 p. m. March 9. Seats will be free and everybody is invited.

RECENT DEATHS.

Morritz Schneider, one of the oldest residents of the East End, died at his home, 1609 Maiden Lane, on Tuesday, aged seventy-five years. The funeral was from St. Joseph's church and the interment in St. Michael's cemetery Thursday morning.

The funeral of Lorena Becker, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Frank Becker, 728 Lampton street, took place Monday morning from St. Paul's church, Rev. Thomas York celebrating the solemn requiem high mass. Bright and winsome, her death is sincerely mourned by a host of young friends with whom she was a special favorite. For the bereaved parents deep sympathy was everywhere expressed.

John Bradley, brother-in-law of James McGill, died at 923 Stevenson avenue Tuesday evening, aged thirty-five years. He was for several years a member of the police force. The funeral was from the church of St. Francis of Rome at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The family expresses thanks to the police force, especially Capt. Owens and Patrolman Driscoll for attention and kindness to Mr. Bradley during his illness.

Mathias Rose, eighty-one years of age, died Sunday afternoon at his residence on East Laurel street of gripper. Mr. Rose had been a prominent carpenter in past years, but had not been able to follow this work for a number of years. He was one of the pioneer members of St. Boniface church, having been in that congregation over fifty-one years. Few indeed have seen the beginning and the termination of this wonderful structure. Mr. Rose leaves two sons, three daughters and a sister, to mourn his loss, his wife having died a few years ago.

Mrs. Mary Lyons died at her residence, 609 Eighth street, last Sunday, aged forty-eight years. She was a daughter of the late John Hughes, one of the Catholic pioneers of the city, who was a member of the first Catholic benevolent society at the Cathedral. She was born on Green street, between Sixth and Seventh, and was a devout member of the Cathedral congregation all her life. She is survived by her husband, Tim Lyons, and three children, two girls and a boy. Her only brother is John D. Hughes, engineer of fire engine No. 13. The funeral was from the Cathedral at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

Deeply pained were the many friends of Edward Dore when they learned last Saturday that he was no more. He was the son of Mary and the late John Dore, 2206 West Market street, and was well known and highly esteemed in the West End. For a long time he was employed as assistant cashier in the local freight office of the Pennsylvania railroad. He resided with his aged mother, whose sad bereavement has almost prostrated her. One brother, John Dore, survives him. Monday morning his funeral took place from St. Patrick's with solemn requiem high mass, the edifice being thronged with sorrowing friends and relatives.

By the death of John Richter, Sr., the West End loses another of its oldest and most highly respected citizens. For many years he was with the Otis-Hidden Company, and was Secretary at the time of his death. Besides his wife he leaves four children, Messrs. Edward and John Richter and Misses Agnes and Constance Richter, who feel keenly the loss of an indulgent father. All day Saturday large numbers called at the family residence, 2504 Portland avenue, to take a last view of the remains and tender sympathy to the bereaved wife and children. His funeral Sunday morning was one of the largest that has taken place at St. Cecilia's church for some time.

CARDOME.

Academy of the Sisters of the Visitation Near Georgetown, Ky.

Famous Institution and Beautiful Location in Bluegrass Section.

The Students Enjoy a Social and Musical Festival Before Lent.

WAS OLD HOME OF GOV. ROBINSON.

[Special Correspondence of the Kentucky Irish American.]

GEORGETOWN, KY., Feb. 20, 1902.—There is not in Kentucky a more beautiful and interesting spot than far-famed Cardome Convent of the Visitation, Georgetown, Ky. Situated in the Bluegrass region and crowning a gentle eminence, Cardome commands an extensive view of the surrounding country. A scene of beauty stretches in every direction—fields of tender green or golden harvest bounded by winding stream or sheltering woodland, undulating to the horizon. Nestling away among the verdant, rolling hills in the distance, is seen the thriving little city of Georgetown.

Cardome is ideal in its location and stands as a monument to the taste of those who first selected it as a location for their home. The climate is delightful, and from the dampness and cold of the North as well as from the fever heats of the South, many send their young girls to Cardome, where the salubrious climate of Kentucky enables them to attain wonderful health and strength, as well as a splendid education, under the kind and watchful care of the good Sisters of the Visitation.

In September, 1896, the Sisters of the Visitation removed from White Sulphur, where the convent was founded in 1875, to their present location. The site of Cardome was formerly the home of Governor Robinson, who named it Cardome (cara domus), and the present owners have not altered that title. Years ago Lafayette, Clay, Webster and many other distinguished persons were royally entertained under its hospitable roof. A large and handsome addition was built by the Sisters shortly after their removal to Cardome, and still another building, which has been under course of erection for the past eighteen months, is now nearing completion. This building will furnish a beautiful chapel, library and numerous dormitories, which will greatly increase the accommodations.

Under the able business management of Mother M. Angela, the Superior, Cardome has prospered wonderfully during the past few years, and is now prepared to take her proper place in the front rank with the leading institutions of learning in this country. All the advanced branches of music, science, art and literature, as well as primary methods of education, are taught by thoroughly competent instructors in these various branches.

Occasionally entertainments are allowed, participated in of course only by the students of the college. On Tuesday of last week one of the delightful entertainments, a grand masquerade ball, was given. The large and commodious hall, used for commencement exercises and other entertainments, afforded abundant room for dancing.

The Court viewed the masqueraders from the throne, which was artistically arranged upon the large and spacious stage, and was composed of the following young ladies: Queen, Miss Maymie Hillenmeyer; King, Miss Mary Kenna; Ladies, Misses Kate Sterling, Burke and Robinson; Knights, Misses May R. England, Mayne Murray and Blakely; Herald, Miss Cook; Train Bearer, Misses Lucille Thompson and Maurice Cole.

Among the other characters which were splendidly represented were the Goddess of Liberty, Night and Morning, Flower Girls, Court Jesters, Pochontas, Mother Goose, Uncle Sam, Jack Sprat, Wife and Baby, Booker Washington and many others.

The music, which was excellent in every detail, was rendered by the young ladies of the college, who proved themselves very proficient in the use of the several instruments. The dancing was very much enjoyed by the young ladies as well as by the younger girls, and during the intermission appetizing refreshments were served and the masquerade ball proved to be one of the most delightful and enjoyable events at Cardome.

D. J. M.

RARE COIN.

Cornelius Lyons, a fine old Irish gentleman, who is the popular sexton of the Assumption church, Albany, N. Y., is the happy possessor of a rare old Irish penny of the date 1881. The harp of Erin is engraved on one side, that of King Carolus II. on the other. Lyons would not part with it for love or money.

CATHOLIC CHICAGO.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago last year, 21,800 children were confirmed. This is an evidence of phenomenal growth. During the same time fourteen

new parishes were established in the diocese. Twelve new churches were erected where there had been no churches before. Eighteen fine new church edifices were erected to replace smaller and less valuable structures. In the matter of schools, ten new school houses were erected and opened to Catholic children, and eleven additions of several new rooms were built in connection with schools already running. Chicago is on the high road to becoming perhaps the greatest See in the Catholic world. There is some wild talk of uniting the two dioceses of Greater New York. This must take place, or the Windy City will lead the march.

INSPIRING LECTURE.

Great Throng of Men Hear Rev. Father C. H. McKenna.

There is nothing so inspiring as a body of men, men only, gathered for any purpose, but when seen gathered in a church, pew after pew filled, it is a sight to fill every heart with joy. Such was the scene at St. Louis Bertrand's church Wednesday night when Rev. Father C. H. McKenna, O. P., one of the oldest missionaries and perhaps the grandest preacher of that order of preachers, the Sons of St. Dominic, ascended the pulpit to preach to the men of the Dominican parish on the "Holy Name of Jesus" in the interest of the Holy Name Society.

Father McKenna spoke of the warfare that is raging in the world today and has raged for years against that holy name and of the blasphemous manner in which men profane it, and urged those present to be strong, faithful, zealous members of the Holy Name Society, proving themselves not traitors after the lapse of a month or so. His sermon was one of the finest he ever preached, and when he quoted the story of the old blacksmith and his reform from drink, showing that with the help of God and a determination to break off any evil habit it is possible to do so, many of the congregation were visibly affected. At the conclusion of the sermon Father McKenna called on the men to stand, when the old members renewed their vows while the new ones took the first vows of the society. Fifty new members gave in their names immediately and many others are expected to join later on.

There will be a special meeting of the society in the school house next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the new members and to better acquaint them with the objects and constitution of the Holy Name Society.

EMMET'S MEMORY.

Thomas Walsh Will Deliver Address at Anniversary Exercises.

The Irish-American Society will observe the anniversary of Ireland's martyr patriot, Robert Emmet, at Hibernian Hall Thursday evening, March 6, with interesting exercises and a smoker, to which all Irish-Americans are invited free of charge. The arrangements are being completed by Messrs. John Chester, Dennis Minogue and J. J. Casey. Thomas Walsh, the well known and eloquent Irish lawyer, has consented to deliver the memorial address.

There was a splendid attendance at the meeting Thursday night, President Flynn presiding, the absentees being Treasurer Keenan and Secretary King. Two new members, John Hargadon and John Walton, were initiated.

Thomas Claire reported for the Revision Committee that the sick and burial benefits would be continued. Also that the society would assist all members whenever possible. The committee was invited until the next meeting to complete its labors. After pointed talks by Messrs. Tom Walsh and Will Lawler, the President was instructed to impose a fine on the members of the committee absent March 6.

The Visiting Committee reported none sick and all members employed. A call was ordered issued for the death assessment of the late James B. Cooney, with the request that it be paid promptly. The receipts were the largest for some time past, and the renewed interest greatly encourages the officers, who conduct the affairs of the society in a business-like manner and adjourn early.

All members are urged to bring their gentlemen friends with them to the Emmet celebration.

ST. CECILIA, NO. 14.

St. Cecilia's Branch, No. 14, Catholic Knights of America, is having a trying time of it. President Kerberg is out of the city. Vice President Jacques has been kept away by sickness and death in his family; Secretary Hammel, Treasurer Fackler, Trustee Michael King and many of the old members have been sick, and Brother Fortwengler died last week. But St. Cecilia's holds meetings and attends to business.

SURPRISED THEIR FRIENDS.

The many friends of John P. McGuire, the popular young singer who took part in many Irish-American affairs, will be surprised to hear of his recent marriage to Miss Minnie Kallman, a charming young lady of the East End. The ceremony was performed in the rectory of St. Mary's church on January 16. The happy couple left for a short journey and on their return will go to housekeeping on East Kentucky street.

FATHER CONNOLLY

Pastor of St. Brigid's Address to St. Vincent's Monthly Conference.

Their Grand Work of Charity in Relieving the Poor.

All Parishes Represented at the Meeting of Last Sunday.

REPORTS OF THE AID TO THE NEEDY

The monthly conference of St. Vincent de Paul, at the Cathedral last Sunday, was well attended despite the inclement weather. These Christian workers seem to realize that in severe weather their wards, the poor, suffer and most need their care and help. All parishes were represented, and the reports show that active work of relief has been carried on during the cold spell of the past month.

The Rev. Father Connolly, of St. Brigid's, addressed the Conference on the objects and purposes of the organization, his remarks being appreciative and encouraging to the members. Father Connolly said:

Mr. President and Brothers: Perhaps I can not commence my address better than by offering to you all my humble congratulations. First because you belong to this society which is doing so much good, not only in this city and diocese, but throughout the world, for your society exists all over the world, and second because you yourselves, if we are to judge you by your works and the reports which have been read out here this afternoon, are active members of this organization, not unworthy disciples of St. Vincent de Paul, under whose special protection your society is placed.

Mr. President and brothers, the very heart and essence of this society to which you belong is divine charity. When I say this I am bestowing upon you and your society the very highest praise, because I need not tell you that the greatest and most beautiful of all the Christian virtues is holy charity. There are, indeed, many other beautiful virtues, the cultivation of which is sure to merit for those who have them a special benediction. We have so many beautiful illustrations of those virtues in Holy Writ. Thus Abraham, the great father of God's people, was pre-eminently distinguished for the steadfastness of his faith in Almighty God. Isaac, son of Abraham, was no less distinguished by his obedience. Indeed it was because of his obedience that the Almighty said unto him: "I will multiply thy seed like the stars of heaven, and I will give to thy posterity all these countries, and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

Joseph, one of the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel, and one of the most beautiful figures of the Messiah, was pre-eminently distinguished by his great chastity. The holy man Job, Holy Writ informs us, was signalized by his remarkable patience. In the midst of his sufferings and afflictions he could exclaim: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. If we have received good things at the hands of God, why should we not receive evil?" Moses, the great leader of God's chosen people, was distinguished for his meekness; David, the Royal Psalmist, by his piety and humility, and the great Prophet Elias by his zeal. The martyrs were distinguished by their constancy and fortitude in time of persecution; the Anchorites by their austerities and perseverance in prayer, and the holy Virgins by their remarkable purity. All these virtues for which those saintly and illustrious personages were distinguished are all pleasing in the eyes of God; they are spiritually fixed stars in God's religious and supernatural firmament; they are ways and means, stepping stones, if you will, whereby it is possible for man to come nearer and nearer to the source of all good and happiness. There is one virtue, however, that is far more glorious than any or all of the virtues just mentioned, and that virtue is the virtue of holy charity, the virtue for which your noble society is chiefly distinguished, for which it has always been distinguished, and for which, with God's blessing, it shall always be distinguished.

But, Mr. President and brothers, let us now penetrate somewhat more deeply into our subject and humbly and prayerfully ask ourselves what is charity. Well, St. John the Apostle, in his First Epistle, fourth chapter, and sixteenth verse, gives this definition of charity: "Deus caritas est; qui manet in caritate, in Deo manet, et Deus in eo." "God is charity, and he that abideth in charity abideth in God and God in him." To be more diffuse, charity may be defined to be a supernatural gift of God; a spiritual fire, which penetrating our hearts makes us love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, for the love of God. We call it a supernatural gift because of its inestimable value and essentially divine origin; and because God alone can enrich His creatures with it. We call it a spiritual fire because it produces effects similar to those which are produced by material fire, by warming and inflaming our

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